

Grain Market News

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ARKANSAS WEEKLY GRAIN REVIEW Week Ending September 26, 2008

ARKANSAS DAILY GRAIN

September 25, 2008

Soybeans Wheat

	Cash	New Crop	New Crop	Sorghum Cash	Corn Cash
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Eastern Arkansas

Jonesboro	---	11.16	---	---	---
Wynne	---	10.93	5.31	---	---
Wheatley	---	11.34	5.86	---	---
Pendleton	---	11.44	5.86	---	---

River Elevator Prices

Mississippi River

Blytheville	11.59	11.39	5.80	8.02	5.19
Dermott	10.88	10.88	---	---	---
West Memphis	---	11.65	6.06	---	---
Helena	11.43	11.33	5.65	7.73	5.23
Old Town/Elaine	11.36	11.36	---	---	5.01
Osceola	11.59	11.39	5.81	8.02	5.19

Arkansas/White River

Augusta	11.21	11.06	5.53	7.21	4.99
Pine Bluff	11.41	11.26	5.72	7.39	5.09
Des Arc	---	11.28	5.86	---	---

Arkansas Processors

Little Rock	---	11.21	5.71	---	---
Stuttgart	---	11.41	5.86	---	---
DeWitt	11.38	11.21	---	---	---

MEMPHIS DAILY GRAIN

September 25, 2008

BID PRICES TO FARMERS DELIVERED MEMPHIS

		This Week	Last Week	Year Ago
U.S. No. 1 Yellow Soybeans	(Cash)	11.48	10.91	9.76-9.85
U.S. No. 1 Yellow Soybeans	(NC)	11.38	10.71-10.81	9.85
U.S. No. 2 Soft Red Wheat	(Cash)	5.16-5.36	4.73-4.88	8.73-8.92
U.S. No. 2 Soft Red Wheat	(NC)	6.11-6.41	5.13-5.78	5.91-6.01
U.S. No. 2 Yellow Sorghum	(Cash)	7.29-8.09	7.54-7.63	7.60-7.66
U.S. No. 2 Yellow Sorghum	(NC)	NQ	NQ	NQ
U.S. No. 2 Yellow Corn	(Cash)	5.15-5.18	4.97	3.77-3.80
U.S. No. 2 Yellow Corn	(NC)	5.34-5.39	4.95-5.10	3.95-4.00

TERMINAL MARKET CASH PRICES

September 25, 2008

	Wheat	Corn	Sorghum	Soybeans
Gulf Export Price	6.11-6.36	5.97-6.05	9.79-9.97	12.63-12.68
Chicago	5.26-5.36	4.98-5.18	---	11.13-11.18
Kansas City	5.30	5.43	8.45	11.93
St. Louis	5.36	5.16-5.20	4.45	11.25-11.79
Minneapolis	8.06	4.99	---	10.94
Omaha	---	5.35-5.43	---	11.13-11.58
Toledo	5.22-5.37	5.23-5.28	---	11.23-11.28
Texas High Plains	---	---	8.27-8.52	---
Illinois Processors	---	5.33-5.48	---	11.33-11.65

(All prices per bushel except sorghum is per cwt.)
(All wheat prices are for Soft Red Winter except MN Dark Northern Spring.)
NC = New Crop

FUTURES CLOSINGS

Week Ending September 25, 2008

	FRI 19	MON 22	TUE 23	WED 24	THU 25	Year Ago		FRI 19	MON 22	TUE 23	WED 24	THU 25	Year Ago
SOYBEANS							SOYBEAN MEAL						
Nov 08	11.44	12.05	11.87	11.87	11.83	10.09	Oct 08	312.50	323.30	325.30	327.60	323.40	282.80
Jan 09	11.59	12.22	12.04	12.04	12.00	10.25	Dec 08	315.50	328.00	330.00	332.50	328.50	288.80
Mar 09	11.73	12.37	12.18	12.18	12.13	10.34	Jan 09	317.90	330.70	332.70	335.20	331.30	290.80
May 09	11.82	12.47	12.30	12.30	12.25	10.31	Mar 09	322.60	335.50	337.70	340.10	336.30	293.80
CORN							COTTON						
Dec 08	5.42	5.59	5.60	5.63	5.58	3.87	Oct 08	59.80	61.57	59.34	58.82	59.21	63.67
Mar 09	5.59	5.76	5.78	5.81	5.76	4.02	Dec 08	62.52	64.39	62.30	61.35	61.66	66.67
May 09	5.70	5.87	5.89	5.92	5.87	4.11	Mar 09	67.01	68.99	66.73	65.88	66.20	69.96
Jul 09	5.78	5.97	5.98	6.01	5.96	4.19	May 09	68.89	70.80	68.71	67.83	68.10	71.08
SOYBEAN OIL							RICE						
Oct 08	46.92	49.55	47.74	47.70	47.77	39.68	Nov 08	19.21	19.71	20.04	19.79	21.18	11.75
Dec 08	47.40	50.03	48.23	48.20	48.29	40.35	Jan 09	19.52	20.02	20.35	20.15	20.50	12.09
Jan 09	47.85	50.51	48.71	48.69	48.78	40.80	Mar 09	19.81	20.31	20.65	20.43	21.81	12.30
Mar 09	48.41	51.06	49.27	49.23	49.34	41.13	May 09	20.11	20.61	20.95	20.73	21.11	12.33
WHEAT							LUMBER						
Dec 08	7.18	7.38	7.51	7.30	7.36	9.33	Nov 08	211.80	316.00	218.70	210.70	211.30	242.30
Mar 09	7.38	7.58	7.70	7.51	7.57	9.37	Jan 09	237.70	341.80	239.90	233.00	232.60	265.90
May 09	7.50	7.71	7.84	7.65	7.71	8.41	Mar 09	250.00	254.60	251.50	246.70	246.80	283.90
Jul 09	7.62	7.82	7.96	7.76	7.81	6.71							
OATS													
Dec 08	3.32	3.41	3.43	3.34	3.35	2.86							
Mar 09	3.49	3.59	3.60	3.52	3.53	2.97							
May 09	3.61	3.71	3.72	3.64	3.65	3.00							

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WEEKLY FEEDSTUFFS REVIEW

Prices per ton

PRICES PER TON FOB MEMPHIS	<u>9/23/2008</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Soybean meal 48% solvent	343.30-380.30	385.50-395.50	281.10-282.10
Cottonseed meal 41% solvent	300.00	300.00	180.00
Whole Cottonseed	315.00	320.00	175.00
Wheat Midds (Del.)	130.00	120.00	105.00
Corn gluten meal 60% protein	490.00	490.00	455.00
Corn gluten feed pellets (20% protein)	165.00	165.00	no offer
Solvent Extracted Meal	170.00	no offer	115.00
Soybean Hulls	125.00-170.00	175.00	125.00
FOB ARKANSAS MILLS			
Rice Bran	110.00-150.00	110.00-130.00	88.00-100.00
Rice Millfeed	52.00-62.00	52.00-62.00	35.00-40.00
Rice Hulls	25.00-30.00	25.00-28.00	15.00-22.00

ARKANSAS MILLED RICE PRICES

Prices per cwt

FOB MILLS, 100 LB. BAG	<u>9/23/2008</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Long grain 2/4%	36.50-40.00	36.50-40.00	19.00-19.75
Medium grain 2/4%	44.00-46.50	44.00-46.50	20.00-25.00
Parboiled	39.50-47.00	39.50-47.00	20.50-25.00
Second heads	28.00	28.00	16.00-16.50
Brewers	25.00-26.00	24.00-26.00	15.50-16.00

SPOT ROUGH RICE PRICES

#2 Long grain average milling yield 55/70

PRICES PER CWT DEL	<u>9/23/2008</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Cherry Valley, AR	NA	NA	NA
DeWitt, Ar	NA	NA	10.76
Waldenburg	NA	NA	10.50

FINANCIAL NEWS

	<u>9/23/2008</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Prime rate	5.00	5.00	7.75
Discount rate	2.25	2.25	5.25
Fed funds	2.00	2.00	4.75
Silver, September	13.384	11.620	13.416
Propane, October	156.00	137.00	132.00
Crude Oil, November	105.73	97.16	80.30
Gasoline, October	259.47	246.30	202.74

ROBERTS REPORT

September 23, 2008

The following is a reprint from Mike Roberts Agricultural Marketing Report which is distributed nationally via USDA's electronic mail service.

CORN futures on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) finished up Monday. The DEC'08 contract closed at \$5.584/bu, up 16.25¢/bu from Friday but 3.75¢/bu lower than this time last week. MAR'09 corn futures closed at \$5.762/bu; up 17.25¢/bu but 4.0¢/bu lower than a week ago. The U.S. government's \$700 bi dollar bail out to the lending division strengthened the market supporting a weak U.S. dollar and building crude oil prices. Many analysts see this as fueling inflation. Weather was good for corn in the U.S. Midwest while exports were supportive. USDA reported 33.139 bu of corn inspected for export vs. market expectations for between 30-35 mi bu. Large funds bought almost 6,000 contracts amid an estimated volume of 173,000 lots. 100,000 of these were noted in spreads. Chart signals are bullish. Open interest fell by some 9,400 after the December chart noted an Elliot 5-way sell signal amid a descending triangle with an upward price breakout. The supplement to CFTC's Commitment of Traders report had large speculators cutting net bull positions by about 51,000 lots. Large speculators in net bear positions increased those by almost 2,500 lots. Cash corn in the U.S. Midwest was mixed while bids in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic States posted strong gains ranging 15.0¢/bu– 21.0¢/bu higher in most places. Even though there is not much fundamental news to support a bottom for the '08 corn market one may have been established. Those who have up to 70% of the '08 crop priced today are in good shape. However, it looks like there may be more pricing opportunities in the near future.

SOYBEAN futures on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) climbed Monday largely on short covering and inflation fears. NOV'08 soybean futures closed at \$12.050/bu, up 61.5¢/bu and 26.0¢/bu higher than last Monday. The JAN'09 soybean contract closed at \$12.220/bu; off 62.75¢/bu and 27.5¢/bu higher than a week ago. The same economic factors that boosted corn futures also helped soybean futures. More

favorable soybean weather provided some resistance. There was some good export news as China reportedly bought 230,000 tonnes (8.5 mi bu) of U.S. soybeans. USDA placed U.S. soybeans inspected for export at 1.204 mi bu vs. expectations for between 7-11 mi bu. Large funds bought between 5,000-6,000 contracts as the CFTC's Commitment of Traders supplement showed large speculators decreasing net bull positions in CBOT soybeans by 5,400 contracts to 17,707 lots. Cash soybeans in the U.S. Midwest were mixed while cash beans in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic States advanced with prices ranging from 58.0¢/bu–66.0¢/bu higher. Soybean prices are fundamentally supported on tight short-term supplies and the uncertainty of '08 crop yields on the threat of frost. It looks like there will be a few more opportunities to advance sales.

WHEAT futures in Chicago (CBOT) closed up on Monday. The DEC'08 contract closed at \$7.376/bu, up 19.75¢/bu from last Friday and 10.75¢/bu higher than a week ago. JULY'09 wheat futures were up 20.25¢/bu at \$7.822/bu. A weaker U.S. dollar and higher outside markets were supportive. Talk of frost damage in Australia and Argentinean crop expectations cut by as much as 25% due to drought also helped futures. Offsetting bullish expectations were India's announcement it would plant another record crop for 2009. USDA put U.S. wheat-inspected-for-export at 29.175 mi bu vs. expectations for between 20-25 mi bu. Large funds bought just fewer than 3,000 contracts while the CFTC Commitment of Traders report showed large speculators increasing net bear positions by 7,700 lots to 39,760 contracts. Wheat in Kansas City and Minneapolis reached highs not seen in some time. Expect pricing opportunities for the '09 wheat crop.

NATIONAL GRAIN MARKET REVIEW

September 26, 2008

Compared to last week, grain and soybean bids were higher as it was another up and down week in the commodity exchanges. Despite the roller coaster, grain markets closed on positive territory due to fund buying, higher outside markets, and a lower dollar. Financial uncertainties and bailouts still linger as of press time which limited the gains. Weekly export sales for wheat came in at 294,300 tonnes, which was below expectations. Weekly export sales for corn came in at 547,800 tonnes and soybeans at 612,500 tonnes this was in line with expectations. The crush estimate for August was 128.7 million bushels which was in line with estimates. This was the final month of the crop year and was the lowest monthly total for the 2007-2008 crop year. Oil stocks came in at 2.589 billion pounds and meal was at 413,000 short tons. The number was surprising due to the extreme tightness in meal. The total crush for the marketing year came in at 1.8014 billion bushels which is more than 13 million bushels below the USDA's crushings projection of 1.815 on the latest Supply and Demand Report. In the Southern Plains farmers been busy drilling wheat as the weather has been warm and dry. In the corn-belt a thunderstorm moved in early in the week dumping heavy rain in some areas. However, the rest of the week looked warm and dry allowing harvest to proceed. Wheat was mostly 31-39 cents higher. Corn was mostly 21-36 cents higher. Sorghum was 47-56 cents higher. Soybeans were 14-32 cents higher.

Oklahoma Hay Report

September 25, 2008

ALFALFA HAY: Alfalfa hay prices are steady and movement is moderate. Extremely pleasant weather has prevailed over the state the past week. Mild temperatures and light winds have been the norm. Wheat producers are busy planting wheat in most areas. Reports that several acres of new alfalfa have been planted this fall in central parts of the state to replace acres that where lost in last years flooding. Final cutting of alfalfa is in the wrap-up stages.

GRASS HAY: Grass hay movement is slow and prices are steady. Last cutting of grass hay is being completed in most areas. Grass hay movement continues slow on the large inventories of hay in producers lots and barns.

ALFALFA:

CENTRAL AND WESTERN OKLAHOMA: Premium quality large squares and large rounds 165.00-185.00 per ton. Small squares 175.00-195.00 per ton. Good quality large squares 130.00-150.00, small squares 140.00-160.00/ton. Good large rounds 125.00-145.00. Fair quality large squares 105.00-125.00 per ton. Fair large rounds 100.00-120.00 a ton.

WHEAT HAY:

CENTRAL AND WESTERN OKLAHOMA: Wheat hay in large round bales 75.00-85.00 a ton.

PANHANDLE AND WESTERN FEEDLOT AREA: Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field or bale pile (spot) 115.00-130.00 a ton. Chopped and delivered to feedlots (short haul) 135.00-150.00 per ton.

GRASS HAY:

CENTRAL AND EASTERN OKLAHOMA: Premium quality large squares 60.00-80.00 a ton, small squares 70.00-90.00 per ton. Good quality small squares 60.00-80.00 per ton. Premium quality large rounds 60.00-80.00. Good quality large rounds 50.00-70.00 per ton. Fair quality 40.00-60.00 per ton.

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